

SPORTS

REGATTA OF 'STARS'

Nearly all the "stars" of the world's rowing will come to Moscow where on August 23-25 on the Moscow Krylatskaya Olympic canal they will contend the awards of the International "Friendship-84" tournament. Sixteen of the 14 gold medals of the last year world championship went to the USSR and the GDR.

Among the Soviet rowers to attend the tournament are many-time world champions: the women's quadruple scull and eight, the noted Pincov brothers on the coxless pair, 1980 Olympic silver medalist Vadys Yekushe and others.

CHAMPIONS GALA IN SOFIA

The world's top rhythmic exercises participants will compete in Sofia's Winter Palace of Sports. Among those in attendance the "Friendship-84" tournament, to be held on August 17-19, will be the first Bulgarian trio consisting of the world top all-arounder, Dilyana Georgieva, the European top all-arounder, Avelina Ralcheva and the world cup holder, Dilyana Ignatova. The Soviet school will be represented by European champion Vilina student Dalia Kulkaitis, world champion in individual events Galina Beloglazova from Astrakhan and Yelena Devdaryanova from Kiev.

According to the tournament organizers, already 21 countries said they wanted to attend — Hungary, the GDR, Norway, Poland, the USA, the USSR, Turkey, France, Switzerland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Japan and Bulgaria.



to the decisive game of the international rugby tournament for the prize offered by the USSR Rugby Federation the USSR-1 team beat the USSR-2 team 34-0.

Photo by Sergei Prusakov

In road race will compete...

The USSR Cycling Federation has named the Soviet team for the "Friendship-84" team and bunch road races to be held in the GDR.

Taking part in the team race on August 23 will be world champions in this event Sergei Novolokin and Sergei Vornin as well as able Yevgeny Korotkov and Viktor Krasov.

Each nation may field three cyclists in the bunch race to be held on August 25. The USSR will field team race world champion Alexander Zinnyev, experienced Nikolai Koryakov and budding Asyat Salov.

Viktor Pogorevsky (photo) from the Ukraine and the Uroshat-2 were the national individual and team show jumping champions held in Moscow. Pogorevsky led the four penalty points in two heats.

The Uroshat team featured Lithuanian Raimondas Udrakis, Edvardas Klimovas who are winners of the Tournament of Soviet Nations, and Zigmasas Serka and Laimondas Skeris. The former three became winners of individual events.



THE OLYMPIC SHOW IN LOS ANGELES ENDS

The marathon won by Portuguese Carlos Lopes with a new record of 2:09:21.0, concluded the 23rd Olympic Games in Los Angeles. 16 Olympic days produced the following awards: USA — 83, Romania — 20, West Germany — 17, China — 15, Italy — 14, Canada and Japan — 10 each, New Zealand — 8, Yugoslavia — 7, South Korea — 6, Britain, France and Holland — 5 each, Austria and Finland — 4 each, Sweden, Mexico and Morocco — 2 each, Spain, Belgium, Australia, Kenya, Portugal and Pakistan — 1 each. A total of 11 world records were set as against 36 at the previous Moscow Games. Don't get surprised: more than half of the world title holders were absent from Los Angeles.

The Games generated a lot of bitter remarks, mostly on the attitude of the organizers. After all who else needed all that propaganda show, on the impending US presidential elections? Hopefully at the next Olympic Games business and television will not dictate their terms to athletes. We say "hopefully", because the IOC did not show the necessary firmness either during the preparation period or during the staging of the Games. The responsibility for the absence of sportsmen from several socialist nations lies with the US administration. The meticulous, deliberate propaganda, the absence of guarantees of security made the trip impossible. And this is a very serious warning for the future. Happily, the Olympics did not end with Los Angeles.

LEWIS' SUCCESS

The hero of the athletic competition was, undoubtedly, American Carl Lewis, who won four gold medals. He later told a television reporter that he would

dedicate one of his medals to the widow of Jesse Owens, who won the three sprint golds and the long jump at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. He said he would give the other medals to his parents. His compatriot Valerie Brisco-Hooks won the 200 m, 400 m and the 4x400 relay gold.

British Daley Thompson did excellently in the decathlon. Ever since the 1980 Moscow Olympics he has won all the major events in that sport — the 1982 European championships, the 1983 world championships and now his second Olympic title in Los Angeles.

The only world record (athletic) was set by the US men's team in the 4x100 m relay (0.03 sec faster than the previous record).

Sebastian Coe of Britain celebrated his second successive win in the 1,500 m — 3:32.53.

Dietmar Moegenburg of West Germany won the high jump — 235 cm, while world record holder Zhu Jianhua of China came third with 231 cm.

On the whole, the athletic contest brought little satisfaction. Many of the results which brought gold medals (especially in female competition) were low by world standards.

FROM 23RD TO FIRST POSITION

This could apparently be possible only at the Los Angeles Games. Last year Lori Fung of Canada came 23rd at the world rhythmic exercises championship at Strasbourg. But to Los Angeles — imagine this! — she was second to last! The first champion in the history of Olympic rhythmic exercises. This is how politics introduced into sport.

distorts the real state of things. Silver medalist Delya Stankova of Romania was sixth in Strasbourg. Regina Weber of West Germany won the bronze. But last year in Strasbourg she shared 9th-10th positions.

A VICTORY AT ALL COSTS

This primarily applies to the boxing tournament. Nine of the 12 champions were US boxers. There was so much talk, praise, indignation and discontent that will keep echoing for a long time to come. But the champion is done. The champions are named, and how they won will be forgotten with the passage of time. The winners, for their part, have got excellent recommendations for lucrative advertising jobs during the boxing hours. But what does sport have to do with that? I wonder what the final picture would have been if the Cubans had competed.

The American free wrestling team won seven of the ten titles in the absence of athletes who dominated the event.

IN SHORT ABOUT SWIMMING

This is the strong point of US athletes. They won 21 goals in these events. Ten world records were set. But interestingly, the hosts set only four of them. Not a single record was set in the

OLYMPIC TIT-BITS

West German dressage rider Uwe Sauer still cannot help being infuriated. The 40-year-old salesman is used to jogging after his morning exercises. But his attempt to run two kilomet-

women's events. This is only a coincidence — they happened almost the same day — GDR boxers. No one supposed Vito-Schukov's time in his latest events — the 400 m and 1,000 m — was good.

TEAM AWARDS

France is ahead again! It recently we marvelled at the brilliant play of the team in the European championship and the French won their last gold Olympic medals, decorated Olympians in the 1984.

In field hockey, too, the USSR won the gold medal. The women's team and the men's team — can I believe it is also world and team champion.

Yugoslavia won water polo and men's and women's basketball.

The US men's basketball team won the gold medal for the time, while the US women's team won the silver medal. Basketball was included in the programme of the women's competition only in 1976. The first time the USA to the world was the winner. The Chinese women's basketball team — 1982 world champions — won the bronze medal.

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FRIENDSHIP-84

The International Friendship-84 competitions open at the Lenin Central Stadium in Moscow on August 18. The competitions, featuring nine sporting events, will be held at the 1980 Moscow Olympics facilities and in Tallinn.

Athletes from 40 countries, including the socialist and several Asian, African and Latin American countries, have declared their intention

to compete for Friendship-84 medals. Austria, Brazil, Greece, Denmark, Italy, Canada, Finland, France, Sweden and other sporting nations are also

expected to attend the games.

Among the participants are Olympic, world and European champions.

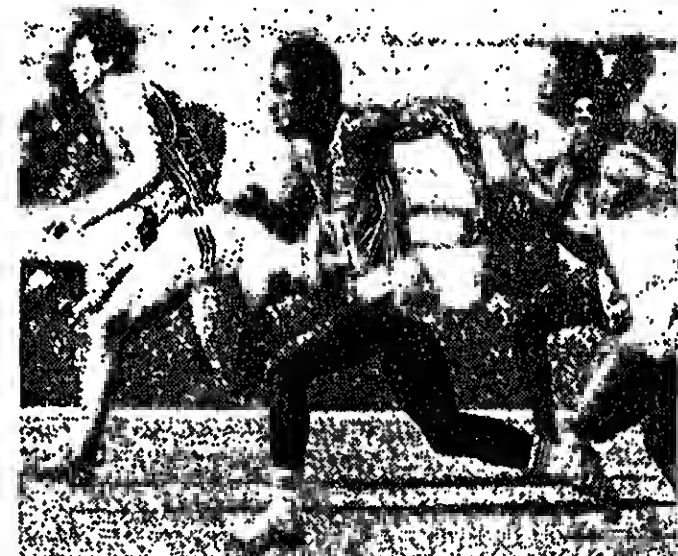
The Friendship-84 cultural programme includes about 300 documentaries and feature films on sports.

Friendship-84 competitions will also be held in Bulgaria, Hungary, the GDR, Cuba, Mongolia, Poland and Czechoslovakia.

Light athletics competitors show high performances in Prague.

In Hungary the first gold medal in diving went to GDR's Brita Baldus.

The first gold medal in Moscow has been won by Sergei Prokoshin of the USSR in a 20 km walk.



Victory of Sergei Prokoshin (USSR) in the 20 km walk.

Out to the 100 m race. On background in Leonora P. Cuba.

CRIMINAL PRONOUNCEMENTS

US has condemned USSR's recent TV pronouncement about the USSR and demands for the course of world peace.

US condemnation is contained in a statement published by the head of the US administration's pronouncement on the bombing begins in the US. Reagan said: "My administration is pleased with the big responsibility of the US people, for the lives of the people, the fate of the world."

FACTS AND EVENTS

A Gallup poll says the USSR is the largest opposition party in Great Britain. It is popularly among the British people. The poll was taken in the month of July. The results show that the USSR is the most popular country in the world.

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INDIA... ON ONE PAVILION



An Indian national exhibition has opened in Moscow and will continue till September 14. During the exhibition the USSR's Director-General, N. L. Lakshmi explained that it was the third such exhibition mounted by India in the USSR. The first was organized in 1983 followed by another one in 1978. He noted that India was pleased with the USSR participation in the annual Delhi exhibitions. Commercial relations between India and the USSR constantly grow. The trade turnover which was 13 million rupees in 1983 reached 30,970 million rupees in 1983. Trade between the two countries is founded on the principles of mutual benefit.



India's Navigation and Transport Minister V. S. Reddy and First Vice-Chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers Ivan Arkhipov collect the tape of the opening of India's national exhibition in Moscow.

Photos by Boris Kallman. The entire volume is determined by five-year inter-state agreements while the annual volume is regulated by protocols. The USSR is the largest importer of Indian goods and materials. In the field of technology, electrical engineering, mining of minerals and ores and in the production of textiles and leather.

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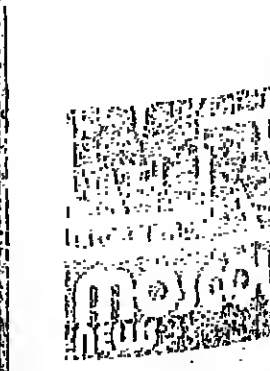
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Round the Soviet Union

● THE TANKER "MARSNA SAGRAMYAN" WITH CARRYING CAPACITY OF 65,000 TONNES HAS BEEN LAUNCHED AT THE KERCH SNIPYARDS (Kerch is a port on the Black Sea coast of the Crimea). All production processes on the ship are automated and its double-hull reliably protects sea water from being contaminated with petroleum spillovers.

FOREIGN STUDENTS ACQUIRE PROFESSIONS



Large-scale training of personnel for developing countries began in the USSR during the postwar period. Already some 60 thousand young people have graduated from the country's educational establishments as physicians, ecologists, teachers, engineers, etc.



The development has clearly been a result of the purposeful demographic policy of the state. Greater birth-rates were stimulated by state measures providing for bigger aid to families with children. One of them is partially paid leave to mothers

As a result of reconstruction there are only 8 manual operators left on the main conveyor of the switch factory in Moscow. The entire preliminary assembling is now done by robots and operators have only to link large units of mechanisms. Three years later, at a new stage of reorganizing production, robots will carry out the remaining manual operations. Workers are now being retrained to be able to handle new equipment. Since production keeps expanding not a single person will remain jobless.

An all-Union orbit-space system is being set up in the country to function as part of the USSR Agriculture Ministry's programme. The date of orbital station comments the newspaper IZVESTIA, make it possible to determine more accurately and promptly the state of food crop sowings. Forecasts from outer space will tell farmers when it is better to sow and take in the harvest. Thanks to these data it will become possible to

TAKING CLIMATE INTO ACCOUNT

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INDUSTRIAL BELT IN THE ZONE OF THE BAIKAL-AMUR RAILWAY

The elaboration of the programme was preceded by a thorough study of geological and other natural resources of the territory. More than 20 types of minerals only have

THE
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COME

For almost two years he and his colleagues lived here and came to be cosmonauts not far from Moscow, a time, he said, that would never be forgotten.



Photo by Andrii Kurylo

Science and technology

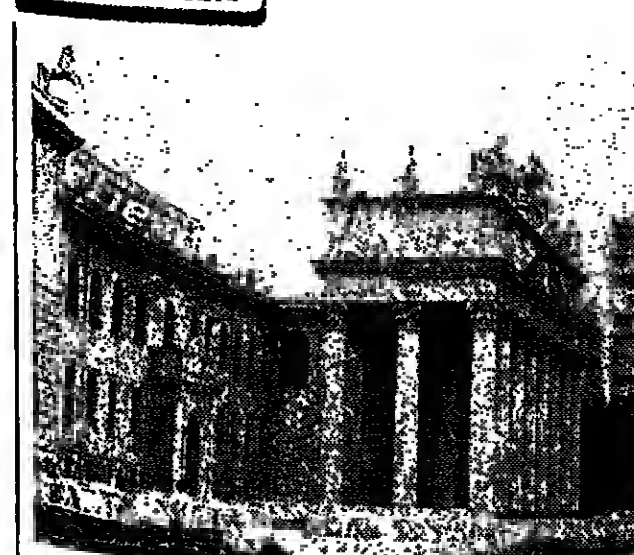
TV MONITORING OF FORESTS

There are plans to use TV technology for fire monitoring in other places as well, thus making it easier for small teams to control forests during the fire-prone summer months.

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VIEWPOINT

THE FUTURE ACQUIRES A NUCLEAR DIMENSION

One more advantage of nuclear energy is its ecological safety. The radiation background near a nuclear station cooling pond is lower than that of a home TV set.

Specialists believe that upon completion, the nuclear energy programme will be able to meet the growing demand in electricity in the country and save some 400 to 500 million tons of fuel annually.

STUBBING MACHINE'S

IRON GRIP

It takes the mechanical arm about 30 to 40 seconds to pull the stump out and attack the next one. The vibration shakes the soil off the roots which is particularly important if the stumps serve as raw material for manufacturing copolythene, turpentine and various oils. The vibration also fills the hole with earth, the 16 in. wide machines leaving behind a clean field ready for reforestation.

PHYSICISTS

ARE PREPARING

TO MEET THE HALLEY COMET

theoretticians have the final say. Researchers from the Institute of Theoretical Physics of the USSR Academy of Sciences are modelling this complicated phenomenon on a computer, succeeded for the first time in describing quantitatively the process and suggested a method which makes it possible to tell a sufficient safety margin at the shield of the space probe meant for a rendezvous with the comet from the expanses of the universe.

FROM the SOVIET PRESS

MANIPULATORS AT CONSTRUCTION SITE

A manipulator to be installed in power plants has also been designed. As its designers see it, the manipulator will itself carry and automatically fix parts. One worker will be able to run this process by radio, the newspaper points out.

CURRICULA FOR FUTURE TEACHERS CHANGE

Following the adopted school reform covering both vocational and secondary education, curricula will be changed at teachers' training colleges. Corresponding

ENTERTAINMENT

SOVIET ARTISTES TO TOUR THE CONTINENT

Soviet artists, representing various genres — opera, ballet, symphonic, pop and folk music — will tour almost thirty countries in August.

After performing in Tunisia the ballet company of the Bolshoi Theatre will proceed to Greece, while the Vocalist of Moscow chamber orchestra flies to Britain after entertaining audiences in France. In Africa a group of artists will demonstrate dances of the peoples of the USSR, and the Moscow Slavsky and Nemirovich-Danchenko Musical Theatre tours Japan.

Yugoslavia will play host to the Georgian chamber orchestra and the Prokofiev quartet, and in Finland the Moscow chamber music orchestra and the symphony orchestra of the Ministry of Culture of the USSR will treat fans to reflective music. Cuba will be home to the Vesolye Reysa (Gay Guys) pop group.

Other groups are also well represented in the promotion advertisement. The Georgian folk dance ensemble leaves for Hungary, the Karkas folk ensemble — Jordan, the Tatars Musicians old song ensemble — Poland, the Soviet Army Song and Dance Ensemble — Spain, The Black Sea Fleet Song and Dance Ensemble — Czechoslovakia, while a pop company will perform in Denmark. The Cypriot song group makes its way to the CCR.

Famous Bolshoi Theatre singers will not be left behind either: Yelena Obraztsova, for example, commences her tour of Austria, Spain, West Germany, Czechoslovakia and Hungary late August.

This is the title of a national show opened in the Central Exhibition Hall as part of the cultural programme of the Moscow International "Friendship-84" games.

The show includes paintings, sculptures,



M. Pyankovskaya. "Gymnastic Girl".

drawings and applied art from galleries of the constituent republics, the

Sports in art



L. Pekur. "Competing".

Russian Museum and the Tretyakov Gallery — some 1,000 exhibits in all. Among them are works by Alexander Deineka and Alexander Samokhvalov, pioneers of the Soviet fine arts.

Some of the artists are themselves athletes and therefore particularly versed in the subject.

The exhibition is open daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., excluding Tuesdays.

FACTS AND EVENTS

Music. Ten discs have been put out in Brazil with Russian and Soviet classical music. This is a result of the cooperation between the Soviet film Melodi and the Arca in Brazil. Russians will have an opportunity to hear music by Scriabin, Prokofiev, Khachaturian, Shostakovich and such famous Soviet violinists as David and Igor Oistrakh and pianist Alexei Maslennikov.

Tours. The Bolshoi folk dance ensemble is currently touring the USSR at the invitation of the USSR Cultural Society in connection with the 37th anniversary of the republic's Independence Day. The group, organized nearly half a century ago, is very popular abroad having performed in over forty African, Asian and European countries.

Contestants. Vladimir Chugunov, a student at a music school in Elektrostal, a town near Moscow, has received 1st prize at an international competition of accordion players in the GDR. Two other young Soviet musicians also won prizes.

Exhibitions. More than 150 works of different genres are on view at the exhibition of modern Bulgarian art in the Koshchev Art Museum. The artists were sent to the city on the Volga from Slatina-Zagora, Koshchev's twin town.

Picture shows Bolshoi soloists Nadezhda Pavlova and Vyacheslav Godunov, performing with a native of Carthage after performing in the International art festival held in that town.

The chairman of the national cultural committee Anatoly Shklovsky said after the performance that the Soviet ballet tour of Tunisia had left a strong impression. He noted that Tunisia had been given the rare chance of watching an artistic performance that is one of the greatest achievements of world civilization.

BUSINESS

TAMPELLA-TAMROCK IN THE USSR

Since the early 70s the engineering sector and, specifically, the Tamrock plants have been maintaining fruitful contacts with the Soviet Union. Karl Kangaspuuta, commercial director of Tamrock, a part of the Finnish pulp and paper company, says an AFIN correspondent. Our clients include different drilling equipment. In 1979 the USSR Ministry of Non-Ferrous Metallurgy and VJO Machineexport signed an agreement on production cooperation in the development of highly mechanized drilling rigs. Among other things, we produce suspension parts of machine for drilling and blasting work, which are then mounted on Soviet-made chassis. More than 200 such machines have already been made for the USSR. Now they are being

tested in Finland and, possibly, we shall find a way for a joint entry in the markets of third countries. Tamrock machinery operates on tunnelling operations at the Baikol-Amur Railway and other places of the USSR.

As for business contacts at the entire Tampella concern, stressed Karl Kangaspuuta, they embrace various fields. Specifically, it is equipment for the wood working and the pulp and paper industries.

There were also deliveries for a joint Soviet-Finnish project on the Soviet territory — the Svelogorsk pulp and paper mill. Apart from that the concern buys in the USSR timber, raw materials for the textile industry, machine tools, computers, processing centres and so on.

INDIA... ON ONE PAVILION

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35 leading Indian firms are represented at the 17,000-square-metre exhibition. Engineering exhibits take up half the total area. The rest is devoted to national products, chemistry, metallurgy, electronics, leather, plastic, knifewear, and other goods.

There is tremendous interest in the exhibition on the part of the Indian firms, according to the Director-General. Almost every inch of it is taken by

one firm or another. He said that, unfortunately, not all the firms could be represented because of lack of space.

During the exposition four Indian-Soviet symposiums will be held: "Exchange of technology", "Technological sector", "Textile sector", and "Chemical sector".

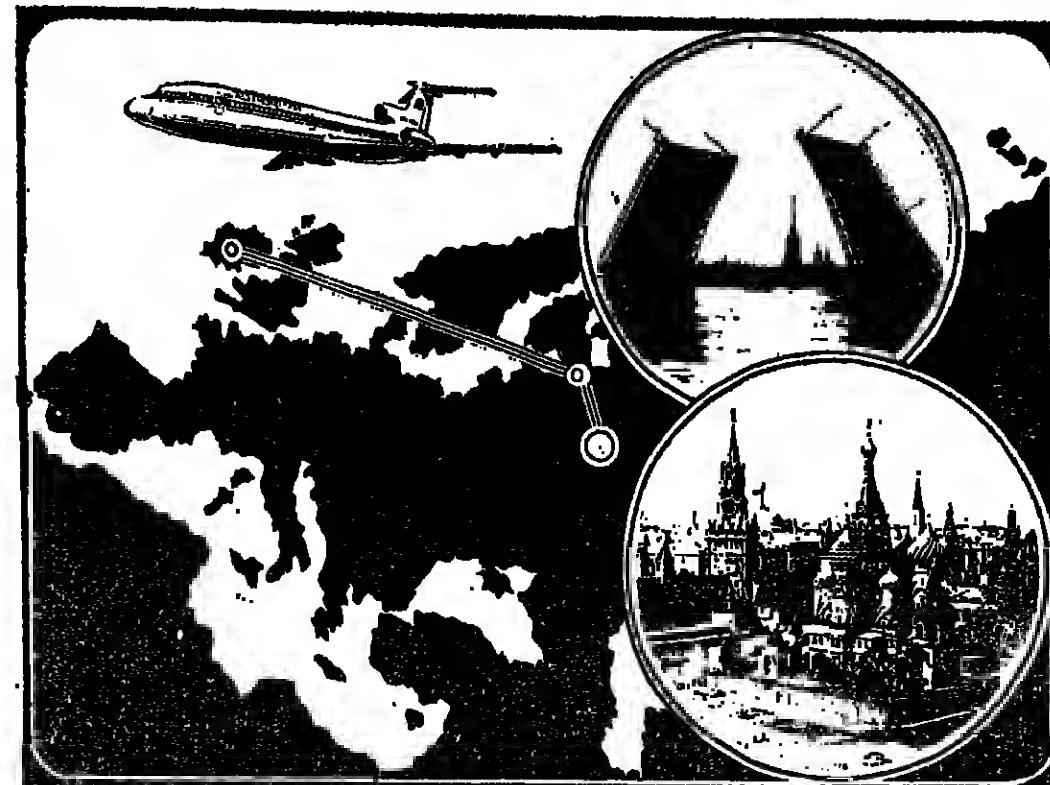
The cultural programme will also be extensive. Including film shows about India (besides the Indian week which will be organized in several cinemas), theatrical and classical Indian dances of various styles performed by well known dancers.

for the Siberian river fleet

The Soviet Union has placed orders with the Hungarian ship-building plant for delivery of another 12 Soviet-built boats to the Siberian river fleet. Designed for carrying large-tonnage barges, the ships are particularly suited to the navigation conditions in Siberia.

A member of COMECON (Council

for Mutual Economic Assistance) Hungary specializes in the manufacture of floating and travelling cranes. In turn, the Hungarian shipping company, Mahart, plans to purchase other types of ships from the USSR. Experts of the two countries believe that conditions have been created for stepping up mutual industrial cooperation.



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BORIS NEVZOROV

Boris Nevzorov became well known, and perhaps even famous, thanks to the TV serial called "The Young Russia". Directed by Ilya Gurin, it was based on a novel by Yuri Herman. Though the role of Ivan Ryabov, a native of the Russian North did not mark Nevzorov's first appearance as an actor, for many people, including critics, whether because of the excellent literary material or the attractive character he portrays, the film represents the actor's debut. Strong and brave, Ivan Ryabov appeared as a real Russian "bogatyir" (Hercules), a character belonging to the realm of fairy tales. He injected a feeling of untiring kindness and loyalty into the film.

Nevzorov began to play "positive" roles, which have a lot in common with his own character, when a student at the Moscow Art Theatre School. But it was only when "quality" developed into quality and that rare alloy of reality and fantasy took place that makes it difficult to separate actor from the characters he portrays, that Boris Nevzorov's screen life began. It is possible that it was (and because Boris had played "strong and brave fellows" before, that he managed to make Ryabov so physically authentic, and vivid and alive. By the way, he had a chance of displaying his own courage when he broke his leg bone while an inmate during the shooting of the serial. He continued working with his leg in plaster.

His energy and love to risk also proved very helpful. There can be no real actor without them. Boris says, it was these traits plus his other outstanding gifts that helped Boris to cope successfully with all the difficulties he encountered as an actor. The fact that different parts of the serial were shot at the same time. He had to portray 30 years (from 20 to 50) out of 15 years' life.

It was those same two traits that helped him overcome the language barrier in the two-part film by Viktor Turov, "People in a Swamp" and "The Breath of a Storm", based on the novel by the Byelorussian writer Ilya Melnik. "Chronicle From Polesya". In this film Boris also had a psychological barrier to surmount: character that was almost diametrically opposite to his own. And again it was his energy and love of risk that prompted him to take part in two tough detective films. He performed all the stunts requiring



force and courage without a double. The two films in question were "Ta Rind and Rander" (Hermes), and "Without Particular Risk". The same two qualities brought him to the Asirakhan Theatre for Young Spectators, and later to Moscow, and helped him to make a name for himself. They continue to spur him on in his career. Now he wants to try his hand at directing. He is working on short stories and has written three scenarios which he has yet to stage; serious preparation is underway for his new challenge.

Vera ZHELOTOVA

WHAT'S ON!

August 18-20

THEATRES

Stanislavsky and Nemirovich-Danchenko Musical Theatre (17 Puskhinskaya St.). 18 — Rimsky-Korsakov, "May Night" (opera). 19 (mat) — Morozov, "Doctor Doolittle" (ballet); 19 (eve) — Tchaikovsky, "Tales of the Snow Maiden" (ballet).

Operette Theatre (6 Puskhinskaya St.). Guest performances by the Puskhina Opera and Ballet Theatre from Gorky. 18 (mat) — Tchaikovsky, "The Nutcracker" (ballet); 18 (eve) — Verdi, "Aida" (opera); 19 (mat) — Adam, "Giselle" (ballet); 19 (eve) — Offenbach, "Duke Bluebeard" (opera-buff); 20 — Gershwin, "Porgy and Bess" (opera); 21 — Khrennikov, "Love for Love" (ballet).

Moscow Chamber Musical Theatre (71 Leningradsky Prospekt). 18, 19 — Barinovsky, "The Falcon".

Leningrad Central Stadium, Druzhba Sports Gym (Luzhniki). The Matrosov Italian group. Tennis MGI and the Music Safe ensemble.

FILMS

Week of Indian and Soviet Indian Films. Cinemas: "Eurasia", "Ufa", "Zvezda", and "Belomur". The Mystery of the Great Valley (Mosfilm Studios, USSR). About a young journalist's chance contact with a man in a secret organization.

Cinema: "Novorossiysk" (67/2) Tsvetaya Konikova St. Metro Kurskaya.

EXHIBITIONS

Central Artists Club (10/11 Krymskaya Embankment). Works by Ta Lien (Vietnam). Paintings and sketches of landscapes, still life and portraits of Vietnamese girls, as well as graphic sketches. Daily, except Monday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Metro: Ostyankovskaya and Park Kultury. Trolleybus 3, 10.

Exhibition Hall. All-Union Nature Protection Society (5 Varovskogo St.). The "Flower and Grass" exhibition features over 700 items of malachite, jasper, amber and agate, as well

other minerals. Glassblowing pieces also on display. Daily, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Metro: Arbat-Moskva. Trolleybus 2, Bus 83.

CONCERT HALLS

Hermitage Gardens. Mirror Opera (S. Karatyayev). 18, 19 — "The Club of Cheerful Men", a concert-parody by Moscow artists. Leningrad Central Stadium, Druzhba Sports Gym (Luzhniki). 18, 19 — The Matrosov tusion group. "Fighting and the Music Safe" ensemble.

SPORTS

ATHLETICS. Leningrad Central Stadium. 18 — "Friendship-84" International competition, 10 a.m. The day's programme includes the opening gala festivities (4 p.m.) and the start of the Moscow International peace marathon (5.30 p.m.).

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WEATHER

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In Moscow, city and region, brief showers with bright intervals at the beginning of the period. Mainly dry later. Wind, 3-7 mps. Temperatures rising from +7°-13°C at night to +17°-22°C during the day.

Contacts and contracts

© VJO Mashpriborintorg and VJO Technolintorg have signed a number of big contracts with their traditional partners from the socialist countries. It is envisaged that Bulgaria will be supplied with Alarion anti-aircraft missiles, optical-mechanical and rocketing instruments, Czechoslovakia — with testing equipment, a large consignment of household and technical clocks, and those countries will supply the USSR with central disks for agriculture and field agrochemical laboratories.

BRIDGE SPANS THE NGUM

A new bridge has been completed with Soviet aid across the Ngum River in Laos, the biggest automobile bridge to cross the river.

It will make it possible to use Highway No. 13 all the year round, including the rainy periods, thus streamlining the transportation of domestic and export cargoes without the use of ferry.

The bridge across the Ngum, also Bounnaphong, Lao minister of transport and communications, maintained, has both economic and historic value, as it is a symbol of friendship between our two peoples.

WEST GERMAN PUBLIC FIGURES VOICE OUT THEIR OPINION ON EAST-WEST TRADE

Washington's policy of "sanctions" and discrimination causes in the first place a weakening in the economic positions of the West European countries and Japan. This is why the Reagan administration's line of curtailing trade-economic and scientific-technological relations with the COMECON member-countries meets with mounting resistance on the part of business and political circles of West Germany.

Particular dissatisfaction has been caused by the recent NATO decision to further restrict the export of high-tech and technologies, taken under a strong pressure from Washington. The Federal Secretary of the Social-Democratic Party in Germany P. Glotz called the decision "a tool used by the USA to suppress its economic rivals". Taking account of the oncoming economic crisis and the growing unemployment, he stressed in an interview "Frankfurter Rundschau" newspaper, a further limitation of trade with the East is a politically irresponsible decision. By agreeing in it, West Germany loses its sovereignty in an ever greater degree.

The SDGP leader noted that further limitation of the export would strongly damage the West European business circles. The attempts at the White House to

substantiate the discriminatory measures with "security considerations" are quite untenable. P. Glotz further stressed, H. Siemann, secretary at the Federal Association for Wholesale and Foreign Trade, said Washington's discriminatory policy "greatly damages" the West German exporters.

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DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS STAMPS



A 5-kopek postage stamp dedicated to the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the USSR and Mexico has been put on sale by the USSR Ministry of Communications. The stamp depicts the two countries' state flags.